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GENEROUS YARDLEY

Sydney, June 14.—An Australian comment from the Nottingham Test match praises Norman Yardley's generosity in allowing Neil Harvey to substitute in the field for Ray Lindwall.

W. J. O'Reilly, in the Sydney Herald, said: "I admire the generosity of England's captain, but I think it is carrying good fellowship a little too far. I would not have allowed Harvey to field for Lindwall on Saturday, nor one for Bradman at Sydney, if it had been my job to skipper England in those two Tests."

Brian Feely, of the Melbourne Sun, said: "I can't see any difference between batting and fielding. So far as Lindwall's injury is concerned, he would have stayed at the wicket as long as possible."—Reuter.

British Films Must Double Production

London, June 14.—British film exhibitors were told by the government today that by October 1 of this year they will have to more than double their showings of British made films.

New quotas for the showing in Britain of best grade feature films stipulate that at least 45 percent must be British made, the rest foreign. Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade told the House of Commons.

Second, feature films must at least be 25 percent British, he said. The new quotas, made to protect British film makers from too much foreign competition, were ordered under a recently passed revision of the British Film Quotas Act. Under the present Board of Trade order the quotas are 25 percent for first feature films and 22½ percent for supporting films.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Military And The Community

THE Colony welcomes its new GOC, Major-General F.R.G. Matthews, DSO, expressing the hope that his association with Hongkong will be mutually happy and beneficial. The Garrison has always played a prominent part in the life of the Colony, more especially during the last two and a half years, during which period a new and closer relationship has developed between the military forces stationed here and the community. Under General Feilding the troops were closely identified with the liberation and re-occupation of Hongkong, devoting much of their time in helping to police the Colony in the early days when the civilian police force was so much below strength. In those difficult days the Services won for themselves a deeper respect than ever held before, and this has since been retained. Liberation, and with it the British Military Administration, also brought about a closer liaison between the Services and the civil authorities; a quicker understanding of each other's problems, and a keener appreciation of how collaboration can bring swifter and more important results than independent action. This close affiliation was maintained by General Erskine, and to advantage, and the Colony looks forward confidently to the same ready co-operation on the part of General Matthews. It is not proposed to worry him during his first few hours here with a detailed exposition of some of the important matters which concern both the military and the Government, but we would particularly commend to his early attention the question of the Queen's Road military lands, preliminary discussions about which have taken place between Government and his predecessor. The Colony will be grateful for a sympathetic treatment of this subject by its new GOC.

Malayan Threat To Law And Order

HONGKONG watches developments in Malaya with lively apprehension, and a considerable degree of sympathy for the authorities now confronted with the biggest problem as yet associated with the Union. In deciding to ban the Pan Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, the Government has taken a line of action as risky as it is drastic. Apparently the Federal authorities are satisfied that the centre of the Communist agitation resides within those unions, but whether their dissolution by decree will bring about a cessation of operations by the agitators has yet to be proved. It will almost certainly drive the recalcitrant underground where they may be even more dangerous than when working in the open. Thereby hangs the risk of the present action by the Federation of Malaya. It seems to be clear that the authorities are up against something more than political agitators. There is in existence roving gangs of well-armed bandits, whose political consciousness is probably nil, but who have decided on a campaign of murder and marauding. To tackle one is not necessarily to eliminate the other. With the political elements it is possible to deal by political measures; with the gangsters the only answer is armed force to wipe them out or to make them surrender. The Malayan Government must be congratulated on its realistic appraisal of the situation and its determination to deal effectively with the strikes and the wave of violence now sweeping the Federation. There is now sufficient evidence to show that the strikers are motivated by something more than dissatisfaction over working conditions, that they are, as Sir Edward Gent has said, backed by intimidation and threats of murder. The intention of the agitators therefore extends beyond gaining new privileges for workers; it seeks to usurp the constitutionally elected Government. Any action to prevent this is justified.

ENGLAND RECOVERERS IN TEST MATCH

One Run Ahead With 4 Wickets In Hand COMPTON MAGNIFICENT

Trent Bridge, Nottingham, June 14.—Batting for long periods in atrocious light, which was sometimes so bad that it was impossible to follow the flight of the ball, Denis Compton played a magnificent innings of 154 not out and helped England to save the innings defeat in the first Test against Australia today.

England, who scored 165 in their first innings, were 345 for six at the close and had a one-run lead over Australia's first innings' total of 509.

Compton remained supreme, his innings being his highest ever against Australia and, so far, he has defied the Australian attack for five hours 45 minutes without giving a chance. Sheer determination and intense concentration carried him through a trying day, during which play was twice suspended through bad light and once by rain.

Compton hit 17 fours in his innings, which was the 60th century of his career, his ninth in Tests and his fourth against Australia.

It was at Nottingham that he made his maiden Test century, on his debut against Australia, in 1938, and now he has beaten his previous best of 147 at Adelaide.

Fortunately, the pitch shows little sign of wear and given a fine final day tomorrow there may be some interesting play.

Compton has shown that the Australian bowling can be mastered. It was a great day's cricket; played in such a splendid spirit by both teams that the appeal to the crowd to treat the tourists generously and leave the umpires to decide on the fairness of Miller's bowling hardly seemed necessary.

RECORD CROWD

Today's crowd of 32,311 was the highest of the match and a record for the Trent Bridge ground.

The light was worse than ever when play was resumed after lunch but that it resembled an autumn morning mist. The bowlers were able to make the ball move a good deal in the air, but still Hardstaff refused

to be subdued. He cut Toshack and hooked Ian Johnson vigorously. Barnes was lucky to escape injury at short leg from one ball.

England's 200 went up in two hours 40 minutes.

With Toshack and Ian Johnson attacking with good length bowling in gloomy conditions, the batsmen concentrated in defence and five maidens followed in a thrilling duel between bowlers and batsmen.

Hardstaff broke the sequence with a single to square leg, and Compton later punished a half volley from Toshack.

Johnson, when replaced by Bill Johnston, had conceded only seven runs in eight overs, five of which were maidens.

COMPTON'S BOUNDARIES

It was a creditable achievement to keep one's wicket intact in such a light, yet, Compton drove and hooked Ian Johnson for boundaries in one over and then sent the ball again to the boundary off Toshack.

Miller, coming on with the pavilion behind him, presented a problem, and Hardstaff almost gave a catch in his first over. This appeared to unsettle Hardstaff, who attempted a big hit in the next over from Toshack and gave Lindsay Hassett a catch at long-on with the score at 243.

Hardstaff had batted 92 minutes in helping Compton in a fourth wicket stand of 93 runs.

Toshack increased his short legs to four for Barnes, but after a few of their frequent consultations, considered the light too bad and stopped play. England, who were then 244 for four, were still 96 runs behind.

On the same ground on which Hardstaff scored the only century against the Australians this tour, Compton completed England's first Test century of the season. He reached his hundred after 225 minutes, and hit 12 fours.

Australia took the new ball at 252 and at 264 Barnes was caught at second slip.

HARMLESS BUMPER

Miller then bowled an extraordinary over to Compton, including a fast full toss, which went overhead to the wicket-keeper. Just previously, Miller had released his first bumper, a full toss, a harmless one outside the off-stump.

Yardley never looked completely happy and yet he produced some fine leg strokes during the partnership of 57.

Evans began by flashing two fours and the slips and Compton amused everyone by walking down the pitch and giving some words of advice.

Compton looked very tired and gave signs of losing his concentration, but he steadied himself and completed 150 in five hours 35 minutes. When 148 he beat his previous best Test score against Australia.

Compton and Evans played out time and England finished one run ahead with four wickets left.

The Chairman of the Nottinghamshire County Club has apologized to Don Bradman for Saturday's booing of Keith Miller. He told the Australian captain that the older members were furious at the demonstration made by some of the younger members from the pavilion.

TEST SCOREBOARD

England: First Innings	165
Australia: First Innings	509
England: Second Innings	345
Hutton, b Miller	74
Washbrook, c Tallon, b Miller	1
Wright, c Tallon, b Johnson	13
Compton, not out	154
Hardstaff, c Hassett, b Toshack	43

Barnett, c Miller, b Johnson	6
Yardley, c and b Johnson	22
Evans, not out	10
Extras	22
	345
for six	

Bowling to date:

	O	M	R	W
Miller	33	9	91	2
Johnson	43	12	99	2
Johnson	38	15	62	1
Toshack	33	14	60	1
Barnes	5	2	11	0
Extras—Byes 12, leg byes 7, no balls 3.—Reuter.				

Truman Lambasts Congress

Los Angeles, June 14.—President Harry Truman hurled a new challenge at the United States Congress today to get busy "right now" on price controls, housing, and half a dozen other vital problems. "They still have time," he said, "and if they haven't time, they ought to make it."

Here in Los Angeles where he received the greatest ovation of his Western campaign tour, Mr. Truman kicked off an eight-point programme he wants from Congress now.

THE EIGHT POINTS

His eight points: Price controls, housing, social security expansion, a health programme, a restored Labour Department, education, a farm plan including price supports, a water and flood control programme.

Renewing his bid for housing, "at a cost which will be easy on the people," he said, "I have asked the President to strike directly, but not by name, at chairman Jesse P. Wolcott, Michigan Republican, of the House Banking Committee and Chairman Leo Allen, Illinois Republican, of the House Rules Committee."

He said Representative Wolcott has been "sitting on" the Taft-Ellender-Wagner housing bill. He said Representative Wolcott got the surprise of his life when three Republicans teamed up with 11 Democrats to blast the bill out of the Committee.

NIGHT CLUB SETTING

"The Rules Committee," he said "now can meet on that bill until the Congress adjourns, unless the people of the United States wake up and do something about it, and force action."

The President's lambasting of Congress took place in a night club setting, the Coconut Grove of the Ambassador Hotel. The dimly lit dance restaurant was filled with some 1,100 people invited by the Press Club of Greater Los Angeles. After his speech, the President conferred for 20 minutes with Mr. James Roosevelt, son of the late President, and State Democratic Chairman, and other prominent Southern California Democrats.—Associated Press.

Girls Build Own House



Irma Lang, an unmarried young woman who needs a house bad enough to build it, mixes mortar as two helpful girl friends build the cement block walls of the two storey home at Manhattan Beach, Calif. It is a week-end job: Irma and her assistants Winifred Patterson (left) and Jean Davidson, each have more feminine jobs during the week. They expect to be finished by Christmas.—AP Picture.

Morrison Apologises To Winston

TIFF OVER SALARY

London, June 14.—Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison apologised to his arch enemy of politics, Winston Churchill, tonight and withdrew a statement accusing Mr. Churchill of accepting £2,000 a year as leader of the opposition without being a proper leader.

Mr. Churchill, who is frequently absent from the House of Commons, promptly issued a denial of the accusation made by Mr. Morrison in a political speech at Cardiff, Wales, on Sunday night.

Mr. Churchill said that he is also not taking a pension of £2,000 annually to which he is entitled as former Prime Minister.

Mr. Morrison said in his letter: "I have seen in the press your reference to my comments at Cardiff with regard to the discharge of your duties as leader of the opposition. I at once accept your statement that you do not draw the £2,000 salary as leader of the opposition nor that you draw the ex-Prime Minister's pension of £2,000. I therefore withdraw the financial references I made at Cardiff and express my regret at having made them."

ONLY IN BANTER

"I would add that my observations arose out of your own references on Saturday to 'weary Wilkes and Tired Times' and—as my Parliamentary colleagues present would, I feel sure, agree—my comments were made in a bantering and in no way spiteful spirit."

"In view of the publicity in tonight's evening papers I have thought it right to send a copy of this letter to the press."

Mr. Churchill had issued a statement to the press through the Conservative Party's publicity headquarters.

Mr. Churchill said he intends to make a personal statement on the subject in the House of Commons on Wednesday.—Associated Press.

ILO PROPOSAL

Montreal, June 14.—The International Labour Organisation has proposed joint consultations with the United Nations on machinery for enforcing the rights of workers and employers to join organisations of their own choosing.

The proposal is to be considered at the International Labour Organisation's annual conference at San Francisco, opening on Thursday.—Reuter.

All Is Quiet On The Palestine Front

London, June 14.—The Jews today officially declared in Tel-Aviv that all fronts in Palestine were quiet for the first time since hostilities began, after they and the Arabs had made repeated accusations and counter-charges of truce violations since the four-week cease-fire ordered by the Security Council started.

Britain, in the meantime, is giving Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator in the Holy Land, fullest information about British arms supplies now in the Middle East states.

This step, it was assumed, was to resist the application of Count Bernadotte's truce proposals banning movement of war materials from one interested country to another, or closer to the borders of Palestine during the truce.

As the Israeli Government issued this "war communiqué of peace" today at noon, Count Bernadotte was beginning work at his headquarters on the Greek island of Rhodes to seek a more lasting peace in the Holy Land.

Tomorrow he will be going to Cairo and on Thursday to Tel-Aviv.

ARAB THREAT

Arabs in Damascus, however, are continuing to threaten a "general attack on all fronts" if the Jews do not strictly observe the truce, while the Egyptian Premier, Nokrashi Pasha, has declared he is "uneasy" over the situation.

Six patrol vessels—three Americans, two French and one Belgian—are due to take part in sea controls to ensure fulfilment of the truce.

The British Government, meanwhile, has not yet reached a decision on Count Bernadotte's request for British aircraft and ships for the use of the Americans, French, Belgian and Swedish truce observers who are under his authority.

It was believed, however, that the informal approach from the Mediator, which preceded his formal request, had met with a favourable response from Britain.

Apart from these practical issues, Britain's present attitude is to stand back and leave Count Bernadotte a free hand to try to bring about a Palestine solution agreed by both Jews and Arabs.

STUMBLING BLOCK

The immediate stumbling block likely to arise in any Jewish-Arab peace talks sponsored by the Mediator is the basic question of the existence of a State of Israel, diplomatic observers believe here.

Refusal to admit that any Jewish state in the Holy Land has the right to exist has so far been the chief factor binding together the Arab states, who are believed to be divided on other issues regarding the future of Palestine.

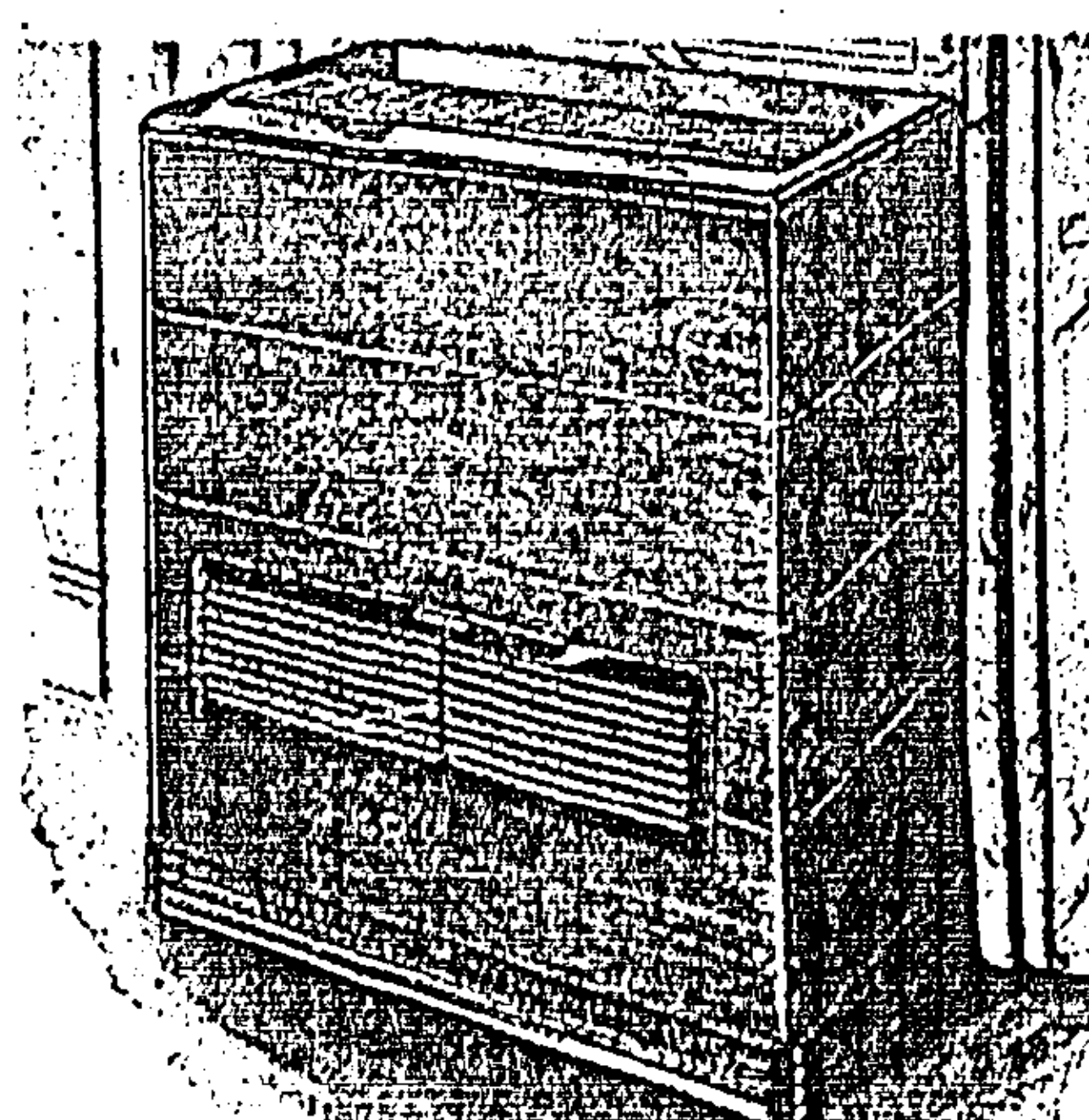
The Jews today officially declared they could not agree to any arrangement which would seek to do away with a Jewish state.

From Cairo, meanwhile, it is reported that the meeting of the Arab

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Yellow top and navy skirt.

A FROCK FOR daytime wear during the coming hot spell must of necessity be cool, comfortable and appropriate. The model shown, just about fits the bill all around in our opinion. It is a torso dress and the top is designed like an elongated middie which is very flattering to the figure. The blouse is of plain navy crepe and has a high rounded neck and short cap sleeves. The pleated skirt has white polka dots on a navy background. A matching scarf is tied in a bow at the neck.

JERSEY in a very light, almost tissue weave, is a wonderful summer fabric, since it is light and very porous. When it is made up into pretty frocks of the casual or spectator sports type, it's the sort of thing that is a wardrobe backbone. A natural tone is used for this easy-to-care and easy-to-look-at dress made with a pretty neckline and short sleeves. Decorative tabs hold the red leather belt in place. The belt buckles in back. The gored skirt is fairly full and there are slit pockets at the hips.

COLOURS get together for some very attractive outfits. Here, a banana coloured crepe top joins up with a navy blue skirt for a good showing. The coat hangs more or less straight in front and is well flared in back. It has six double breasted matching buttons. But doesn't actually close, a neat deception! Curved slit pockets, turn-back cuffs and a casual collar are other details. The skirt is slim and straight with a small slit centre front.

Doing Over Old Furniture

By ELEANOR ROSS

ATTICS can be wonderful places, as many of us have discovered in these days of stilling stocks, high prices and restricted budgets. Furniture that has long since been consigned to the attic can be made over to do good service and really look suitable for the nicest of rooms. In fact, after viewing some of the done-overs, you are just amazed at the possibilities in many old pieces of furniture. Of course, it is grand to have nice new pieces, but even then, a good old piece worked in here and there adds interest and charm to a room.

Old-Fashioned Dresser

An old-fashioned dresser can be made into a smart, modern piece of living room furniture if the mirror is removed, the sides squared and the legs cut off. Given several coats of lacquer it may be transformed into a striking buffet or storage piece. We've seen a marble-topped old-fashioned washstand emerge as a handsome coffee table or a plant table.

Old tables are real treasures if the wood is good and if they have fine lines. They offer many remodeling possibilities as well as being so useful and doing lots to give a room a lived-in look. Sometimes it is only necessary to refinish the surface of an otherwise satisfactory table. If the proportions are right, the legs can be cut to the right height for end tables or coffee tables. The table itself, if too large, can be sawed in half and placed against the wall in foyer or living room.

A word of caution is necessary when it comes to bedroom furnishings. Chairs can be re-upholstered or painted, or dressing tables made of next to nothing plus yards of material. Even a bed frame itself may be remodelled but an old mattress, spring or pillow should be discarded. Although ingenuity and carpentry can make an old-fashioned bed frame into a smart modern one, nothing can make a broken-down bedspring or a lumpy mattress into good, modern sleeping equipment. If you are furnishing your first household, resist attempts of relatives or friends to gift you with any sleeping equipment rescued from the attic, unless it was put aside while still in first-class condition. New, good quality bedding is one of the essential furnishings which must be provided for in the budget.

Out Of The Frying Pan

WHEN fat cannot be spared for deep frying, it is advisable to look for other methods of serving fish.

Grilling is a good method when you are in a hurry. It is suitable for small fish such as herrings, mackerel or dabs, and for fillets and steaks of cod, halibut or plaice. Wash and scale the fish, then dry and season with salt and pepper and brush over with melted fat on both sides. Place under a hot grill and cook until brown. Turn over carefully and grill on the second side, then serve at once with a good sauce—mustard sauce, tartare sauce or Hollandaise.

HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

1oz. margarine, 1oz. flour, 1/2 pint milk and water, seasoning, 1 egg—fresh or reconstituted, 1 dessertspoonful white vinegar, lemon juice to flavour.

MELT the margarine in a saucepan and add the flour. Cook for several minutes until the mixture looks dry, then add the liquid gradually, stirring all the time until the sauce comes to the boil. Cook for 5 minutes, then draw off the heat and add salt, pepper and the egg. Stir this in slowly, then add the vinegar and lemon juice to flavour. Serve at once. Do not re-heat this sauce otherwise it may curdle.

Finely chopped gherkin or capers may be added to make a sharper sauce. Baking is suitable for whole fish such as whiting, haddock, also for steaks or cutlets of cod, bream, halibut, turbot, Wash, scale and clean out the whole fish, then fill the cavity with a good stuffing. Cutlets or fillets can also be stuffed using forcemeat, sliced tomatoes, chopped mushrooms, etc. Form the stuffing into a cork shape and wrap the fillets around this, securing with a piece of string.

Place into a well-greased baking tin and cover with a piece of greased paper. Bake in a moderately hot oven, allowing 15-30 minutes according to the thickness of the fish. Serve with a good sauce.

GEORGIE RODGERS

RED RYDER



Information, Please

By Fred Harman

Choosing the Right Powder



Movie Star Evelyn Keyes is careful to choose just the right shade of powder for her complexion.

By HELEN FOLLETT

MILLIONS and millions of boxes of complexion powder are sold in the United States every year. It costs a heap of money for Uncle Sam's girls to powder their noses. They don't want their faces to shine like a good deed in a naughty world. Complexion glimmer puts them out of beauty form. It is something that even the bravest woman cannot endure.

Despite the violent interest in the rouge pad and the lipstick, powder is the basic element of complexion, decorating. The study of the various colours of these fragrant cosmetic calcimines is interesting and fascinating. Chemists have produced tints to match every skin, that of the blonde, the brunette, the red head, the betwixt-and-between.

All blondes are not the same type. The Nordic golden-head needs a creamy powder, the Anglo blonde with ash hair, brown eyes and gardenia skin can use rachelle with satisfactory results. The Celtic blonde, who has brown eyes, will choose a dark rachelle. She will finish her facial tinting with a coral rouge, cardinal lipstick, brown eye shadow.

Rachelle is the good old standby for blondes and brunettes; it comes in varying tints and one must find the right one. The average brunette with brown hair and brown eyes needs a tone somewhat stronger, so she will select ochre that blends beautifully with rouge of medium red and lipstick of a rich wine colour.

GREEN-POWDER

The exotic beauty who is ever ready to put out the eye of the other woman can find a powder that is decked with gold. It is wonderful for the Titian haired lovely, adds a charming touch of the unusual.

Green powder sounds terrible, but really isn't; it is of a most delicate shade. If the fair haired darling uses it when she wears a black formal it will make her skin even more transparently clear.

For the white haired lady with delicate complexion mauve powder is a happy thought. A touch of mauve eye shadows; lips tinted with dull, rich red and the effect is stunning.

BOYS AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Purr-Purr's Music Lesson

—Hanid, the Shadow, Was Her Teacher—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow-girl with the turned-around name, found Purr Purr, the black kitten, sitting on the floor quite near the piano. For a moment Hanid said nothing. She just watched Purr Purr. And it seemed to her that the kitten was gazing at the piano with quite a good deal of interest and curiosity.

"I do think," Hanid remarked to herself, "that Purr Purr is beginning to like music. She is certainly looking at the piano. It would be very nice if she learned to play a song or two; though I've never heard of a kitten who was able to play the piano," she added.

Appeared Interested

However, since Purr Purr appeared to be so interested, Hanid bent over and put Purr Purr on the piano stool.

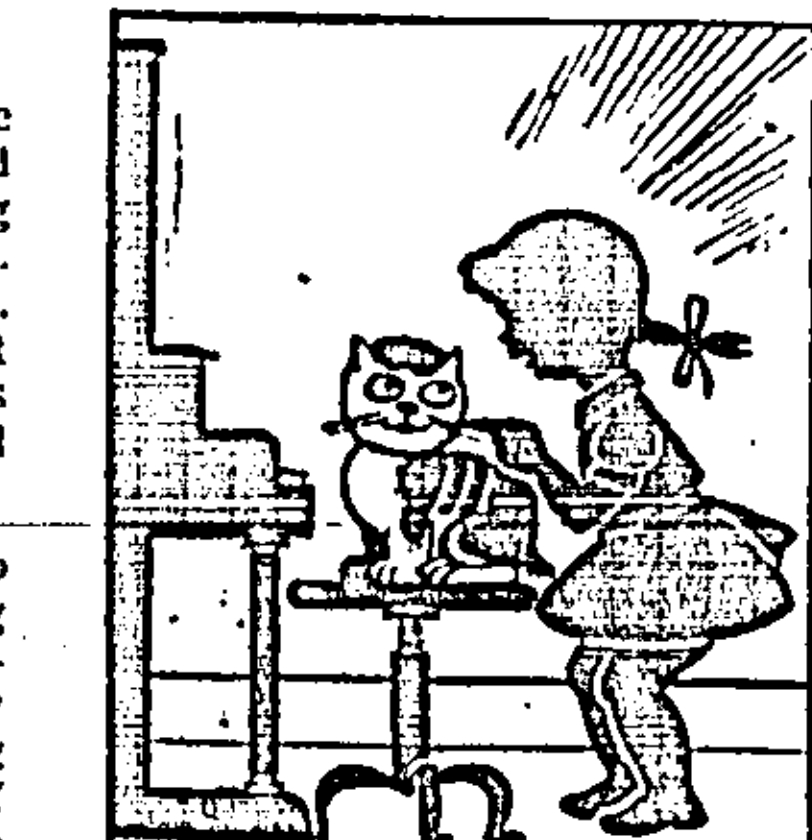
"Would you really like to learn to play, dear?" she said to Purr Purr. "I'm sure you'd enjoy it."

Purr Purr didn't answer. She simply stood up on the stool and tried to reach the keyboard. Hanid smiled. "Of course, you'd have to practice a bit—scales and exercises and things, exactly like the children do. Scales aren't hard. They're like going up a ladder and coming down again. But I suppose you'd rather learn how to play pieces such as 'London Bridge Is Falling Down,' and 'Yankee Doodle!'"

Purr Purr didn't answer. So Hanid went on.

"Then you'd have to learn how to read notes. Reading notes is fun. It's just like reading words in a story book; only instead of words the notes are little dots. They're all stuck on lines. But after you learn how to read them, they all say: 'Play this note! Play that note!' And when you play them, you hear the piano singing the story!"

"Yes, dear," Hanid went on, "it's wonderful to be able to read the



"You have to learn the scales," Hanid told Purr-Purr.

notes and make the piano sing. Would you really like me to give you a lesson?"

Purr Purr still didn't say anything. But Hanid didn't mind that since she didn't think kittens usually talked anyway. Hanid lifted one of Purr Purr's paws and struck one of the white keys with it.

"A—aa—aa..." sang the piano.

Piano is Singing

"There! Did you hear that, Purr Purr?" Hanid exclaimed. "The piano is singing for you!"

Purr Purr seemed pleased. Then Hanid put her on the keyboard and Purr Purr, after hesitating for an instant, suddenly scampered across them, jumped down and ran off into the kitchen to see if there was any milk in her saucer.

"Well," Hanid sighed, "she almost played a scale. It wasn't bad at all for the first lesson. But she'll have to practice more than that—much, much more than that—before she learns how to play 'London Bridge Is Falling Down' and 'Yankee Doodle!'"

And Hanid smiled to herself. She was quite proud of Purr Purr.

POSERS?

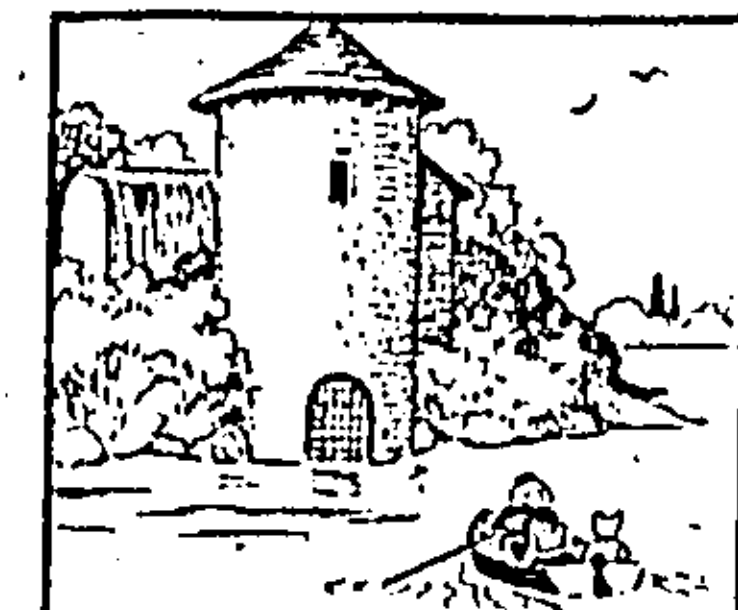
Here are some tough questions from nursery rhymes. You won't guess the answers right away. If you need help, turn to the correct solutions below.

1. What happened to Solomon Grundy on Wednesday?
2. Who came to town in a yellow petticoat and a green gown?
3. What was hung at Welshman Taffy's head?
4. What is the second line of 'In my mince, cutty-corn'?
5. Was "A diller, a dollar" a D o'clock scholar?
6. What was met on the way to Bonner?
7. The man in the moon asked his way to where?
8. What is the last line of 'Mary's Lamb'?
9. Why should Old Mother Twilchett live in a sewing basket?
10. What two pretty men lay in bed till the clock struck 10?

ANSWERS

1—He got married. 2—Dilly-dally. 3—A diller. 4—Apple seed and apple. 5—No. 6—A diller. 7—The man in the moon. 8—Mary's Lamb. 9—Old Mother Twilchett live in a sewing basket. 10—Two pretty men lay in bed till the clock struck 10?

Rupert's Island Adventure—12



The little pals clamber into the boat. Then the dwarf dumps his big parcel into it, takes the oars, and pulls away. "I've just been for some provisions for my master," he says. "He and I are all alone in that tower." "It sounds terribly secret," says Rupert in excitement. "Did you say he was doing some building? I can't see a single flat place on the island where he could build anything." "It all looks very grim. I don't like it much," quavers Willie. But the dwarf only smiles and goes on rowing.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



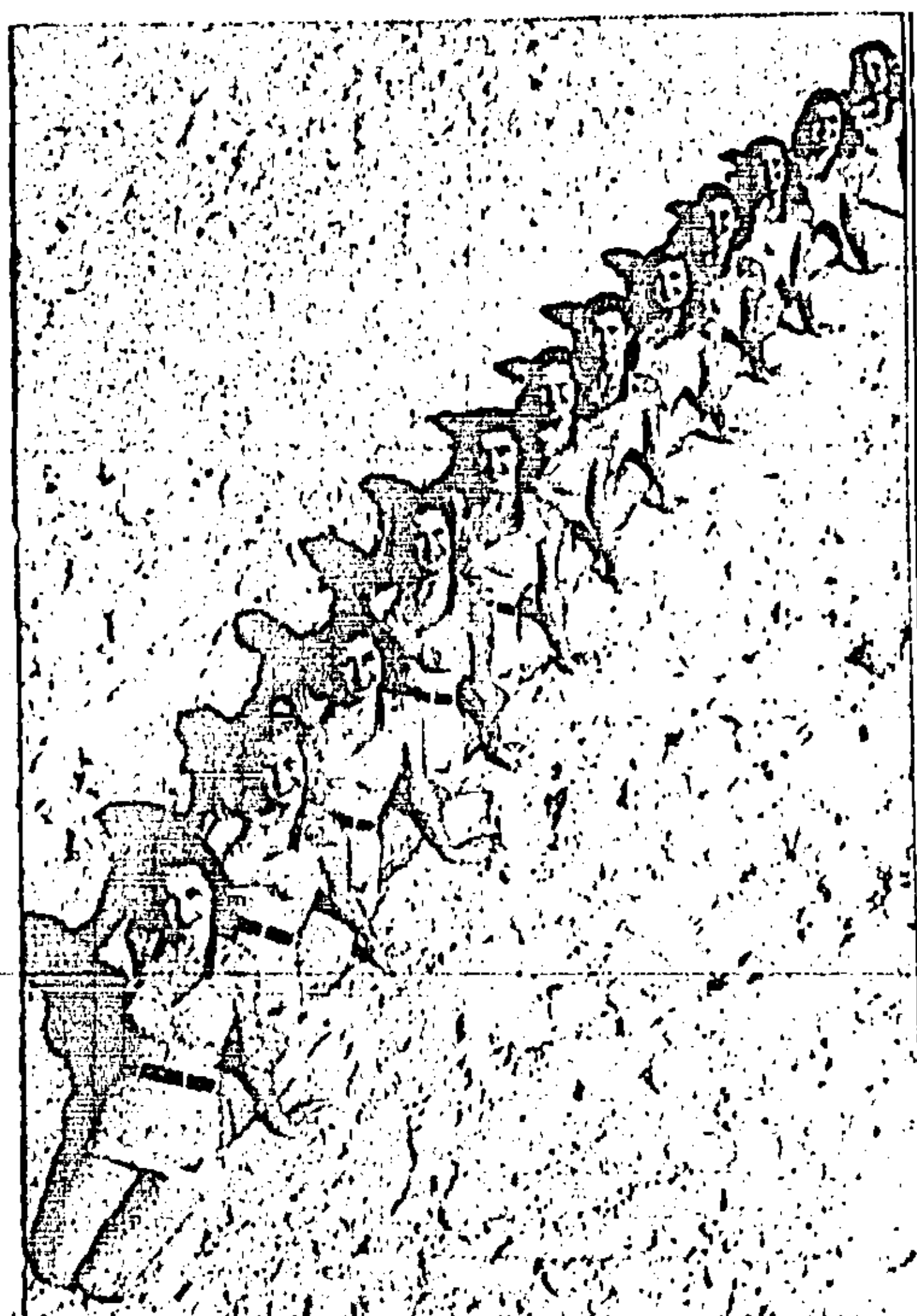
WAR MEMORIAL—Winston Churchill (left) Britain's wartime leader, speaks during the unveiling of a World War memorial in Westminster Abbey. The bronze statues, right, symbolise the officers and men of the submarine branch, the commandos, and airborne forces of both World Wars, whose services were cited during the ceremony.



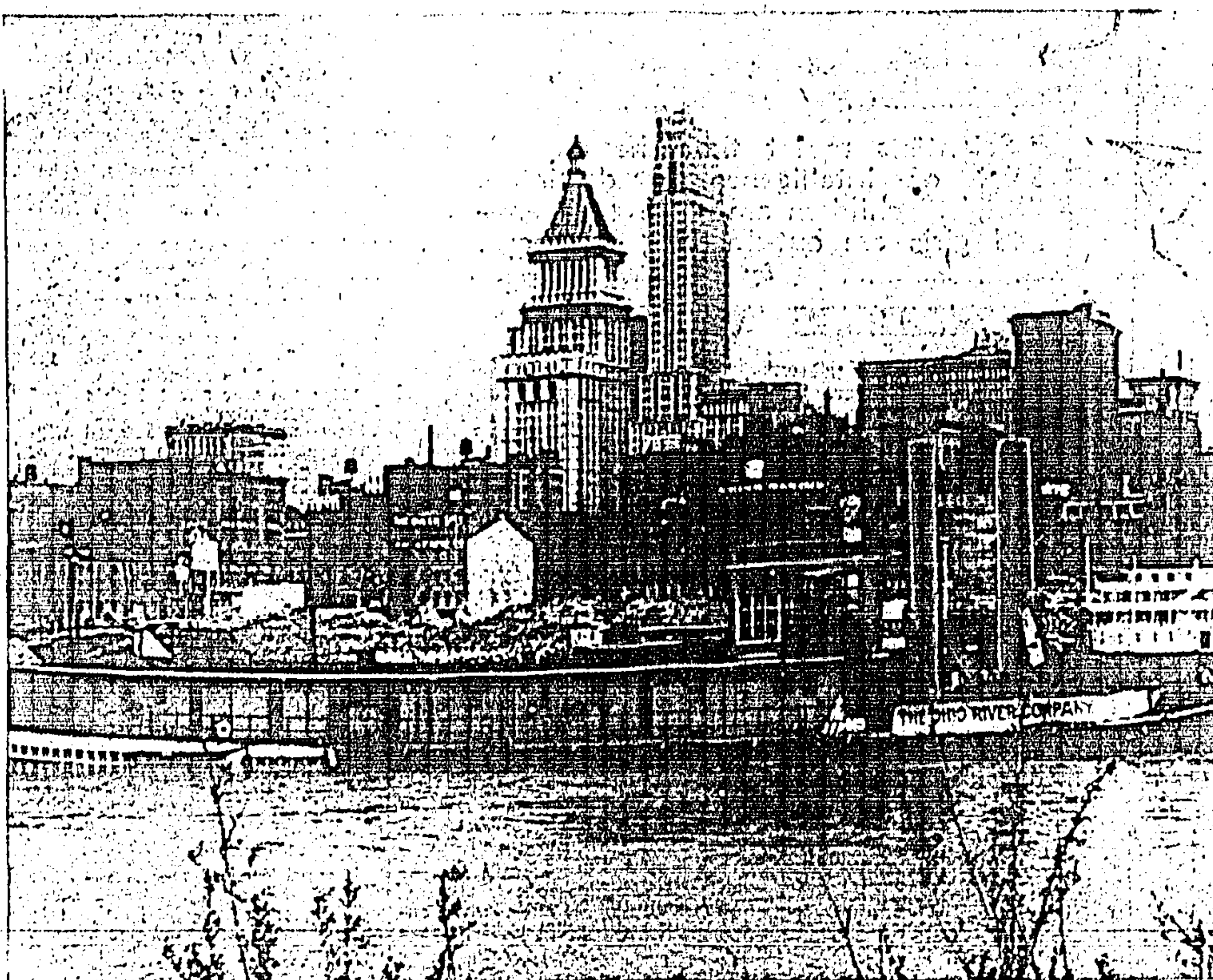
WATER-GIRLS—A prolonged heat wave is causing English farmers considerable worry. Here, land girls water tiny cabbage plants by hand on a farm near Chichester, Sussex, as they overcome the severe drought. This land was part of an airfield during the war. Now it has been cultivated as part of Britain's plan to grow more of her own food.



SMOOCHIN' SOPHIE—Chick Johnson greets "Red Hot Mama" Sophie Tucker with a welcoming kiss on her arrival at Waterloo Station, London. Miss Tucker recently arrived in England from the United States. Johnson and Ole Olsen, American comedy team, gave her a riotous welcome on her arrival when she was also honoured (although less riotously) by the Lord Mayor of London.



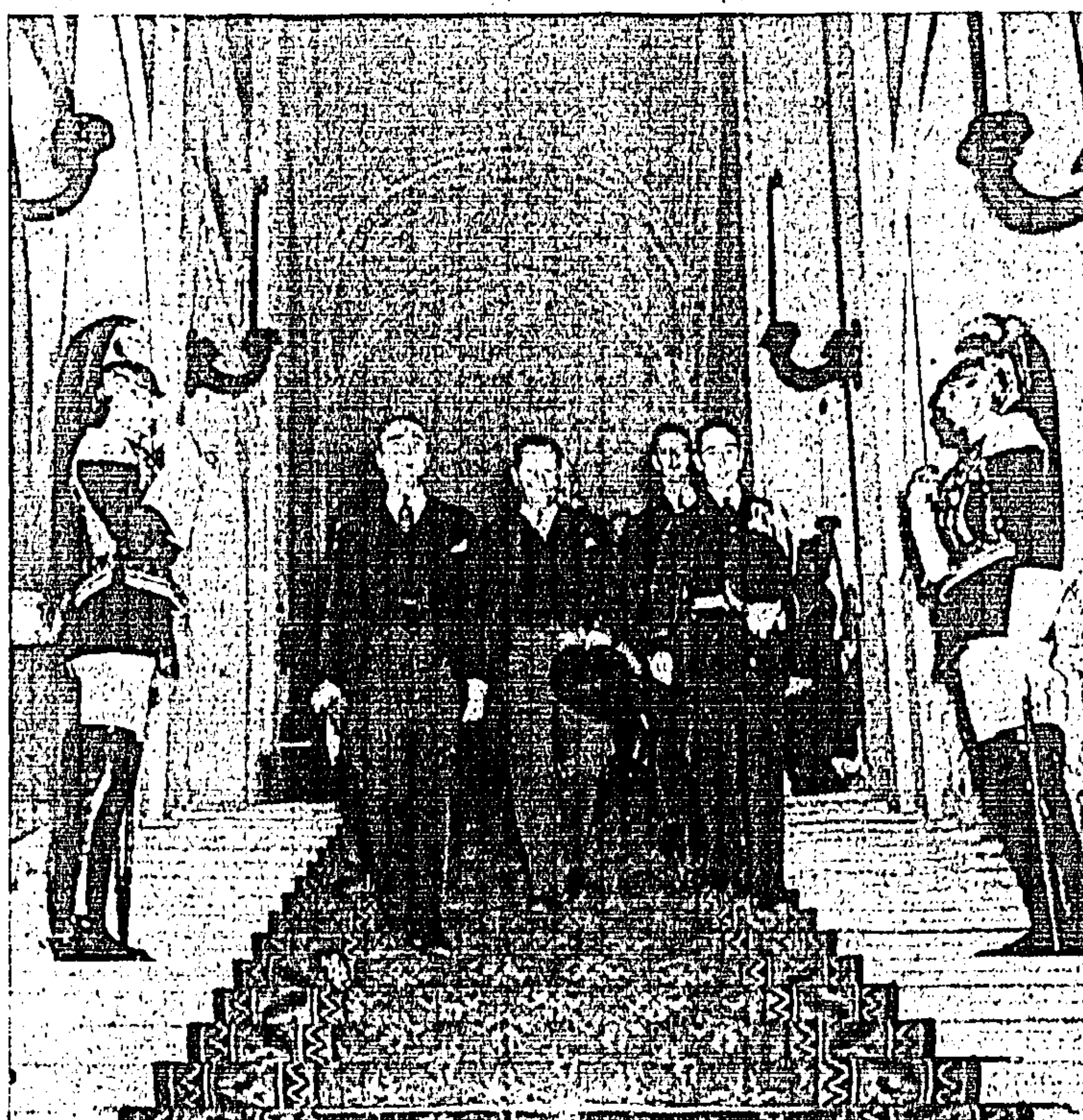
BEAUTIFUL DESIGN—An even dozen lovely Cypress Gardens Aqua-Maids pose in an attractive diagonal on a Florida beach.



SINKING STEAMER—The excursion steamer, Omar, sinks in the channel of the Ohio River within sight of the office buildings of downtown Cincinnati. Nothing could be done to save the river boat as crowds stood on the shore-line and watched the boat go to the bottom. The cause of the sinking could not be immediately determined. The nine persons aboard the steamer when it first began to submerge got safely ashore and were uninjured, but were perplexed concerning the cause of their pre-season swim.



PRETTIEST CO-ED—Although this co-ed's name isn't Mary, her not-so-dumb lamb follows Margery H. Mehl all around the campus of Middlebury College, in Vermont. It isn't hard to see why, either, since Margery was recently elected "Prettiest Co-ed" during Middlebury's annual festivities. Now the lamb is her steady escort, even trying to "steal" this picture.



CALL ON EINAUDI—Accompanied by his aides, James C. Dunn (left), United States Ambassador to Italy, leaves the apartments of President Luigi Einaudi, after their first official meeting since the Italian leader's recent election. Members of Italy's famous Corazzieri, once the King's Guards, salute as the visitors leave the palace-like structure in Rome.

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WASHING DAY

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BRITAIN IS LOSING ITS BRAINS

• Scientists report that the nation's level of intelligence is declining. "Bright" children are getting fewer—and girls are out-smarting the boys.

by

CHARLES WINTOUR

IN fifty years' time, if present trends continue, there will be roughly double the number of feeble-minded children and about half the number of pupils of scholarship ability in Britain, compared with the present day. The level of Britain's national intelligence is falling steadily, if slightly. (The figures indicate a drop of about a third of a year's mental development per generation). The number of mental defectives is rising.

These arresting conclusions may be drawn from the latest scientific researches by British authorities on psychology and education.

The facts are even more horrifying when it is realised that there are today roughly 8,000,000 adults and young people in Britain who can scarcely read or write.

Classifications

Approximately nine per cent of the population (say 4,500,000 people) are classified as sub-normally dull; another two per cent (over 1,000,000) are on the borderline of mental deficiency; and nearly four per cent (2,000,000) are mentally deficient. They are feeble-minded or imbeciles or idiots—not in the sense used in slang matches but in the strict dictionary sense.

Britain's foremost experts on the subject of national intelligence are two sexagenarians: Sir Cyril Lodowic Burt, professor of psychology at London University, and Professor Godfrey Thomson, of Edinburgh University. Burt and Thomson agree that, in general, intelligent people are likely to have fewer children than the average, and the less intelligent more children.

According to one investigation made in London "the average number of children in families containing at least one backward child is 4.6; in families containing at least one scholarship child it is 3.2."

Thomson, discussing the same problem from another angle, has said: "Children chosen at

11 or 12 to enter on a longer and more difficult course of education are likely, on the average, to marry later (if at all) and to have fewer children (if any) than those who are not chosen.

"In short, the educational system of the country acts as a sieve to sift out the more intelligent and to destroy their posterity. It is a selection which ensures that their like shall not endure."

Differences in fertility between the intelligent people and the rest are by no means entirely due to educational and social distinctions.

The 'Class' Factor

It is certainly true that children of the well-to-do grow up in healthier surroundings and receive better instruction than the poor.

Yet Burt has found that among the working classes "it is still the most intelligent families who contribute fewest to the next generation."

Although social class may be important in determining the number of children in a family, this factor is likely to diminish in importance if the gap between the middle class and working class standard of life is narrowed.

Indeed, the latest investigations into general intellectual ability show that home environment counts far less than innate and heritable factors. "With intelligence as measured by intelligence tests," says one expert, "the contribution of heredity is about four times as potent as that of environment."

So while an improvement in the educational facilities available to the poorest section of the population may check the decline in national intelligence, it is by no means enough. Something must be done to encourage the more intelligent people to have larger families, and to encourage family limitation among the duller.

But far more must be discovered about the reasons why intelligent people have small families and why children in large families are duller than average before any effective action can be taken.

Young Parents

It has, for instance, even been suggested that later children in a large family may be less intelligent than their brothers and sisters born when the mother and father were younger. But work in this field is largely guesswork.

Indeed, far more study is urgently needed into the whole problem of intelligence and fertility. The Royal Commission on Popu-

tion should throw additional light on this subject, but large surveys must be carried out in succeeding generations to establish the facts conclusively.

In the light of these investigations, many aspects of our society may have to undergo searching scrutiny. Is universal franchise endangered? Is the floating vote becoming the moron vote? Should there be literacy, or simple intelligence tests, to exclude near-normals from casting a vote on policies which they cannot possibly understand?

But the most fascinating problem of all is raised by the fact that in some post-war tests girls are now beating boys, although before the war no sex-bias existed.

"Has the war affected girls and boys differently?" asks Professor Thomson. "Or are we faced with the even more terrible prospect of declining male, but increasing female, intelligence?"

• Burt's Intelligence and Fertility (Eugenics Society, 2s.).

• Thomson's The Trend of National Intelligence (Eugenics Society, 2s.).

OLDEST LAW CODE IN THE WORLD

— BY JACK SAUL —

BAGHDAD, Iraq.—An un-baked, slightly damaged, late third millennium tablet, found just outside modern Baghdad, makes new history in archaeology.

Its inscribed contents, in the words of Professor Albrecht Goetze, of Yale University, have revealed "the oldest code of laws ever discovered."

The tablet was recovered during excavations at Tell Harmal by Sayid Mohammed Ali Mustafa, of the Iraqi Government Directorate General of Antiquities.

The site is six miles east of the capital, in fertile country between the Tigris and the Dialah rivers. It has been identified as a fortified administrative centre of an agricultural district of ancient Babylonia.

DATE-LINK FOUND

Only a preliminary analysis of the find has been made so far. Composed in the Akkadian language, the text is written fairly skillfully in old Babylonian script, the Department report says.

One date-link, contained in an inscription, gives the period as "the year when Dandusha seized Qabara." Sayid Taha Baqir, curator of the Iraqi Museum, estimates that to be some 40 years earlier than the Code of Hammurabi, who ruled Babylonia 2067-2025 B.C.

Professor Goetze's enthusiasm was unbounded when a duplicate tablet was discovered at the site. The Professor recently was appointed by the American Schools of Oriental Research as annual professor to the American School of Archaeology, Baghdad.

TEXT ALMOST COMPLETE

"The text of the new find," Professor Goetze said, "is almost complete, and will greatly facilitate decipherment. The beginning . . . clearly shows that we deal with the law of the kingdom of Eshnunna Bilalama or his son."

"That makes it the oldest code of laws ever discovered, older by about two generations even than that of Lipit-Ishtar of Isin, which was discovered recently in the museum

of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia."

Tentative examination shows the new code to deal with such matters as family laws, theft and house-breaking, the hiring of a female slave, adoption (or bringing up) of a child, selling wine, selling a man's house, and non-delivery of property purchased.

Tell Harmal stands about 650 yards from Tell Mohammad, another archaeological mound adjoining the northeast corner of the Iraqi army encampment of Masker al-Rashid, where Felix Jones in the course of a brief sounding in 1930 discovered an inscription of Hammurabi.

FORTRESS UNCOVERED

Harmal was excavated for the first time in 1945, revealing the remains of a fortified enclosure in the form of an irregular square, with buttressed walls about 10 feet thick, and a single gateway flanked by enormous towers.

Also found at the site were one large temple, a smaller double-shrine temple several minor shrines, and a large administrative building.

The remainder of the space was taken up by minor structures mostly in the form of offices and archives. Iraqi excavators collected more than 1,300 tablets from the place, all unbaked often in such a fragile state as to necessitate treatment before their removal was possible.

The two tablets containing the newly discovered code of laws will be presented to the world as soon as full examination is completed.—United Press.



"You'll find it very satisfactory, madam. In all the years I've been selling them I've never known one to come back!"

The new men who are ruling Eire

EIRE'S politics, rather than her politicians, have for 25 years held the spotlight. Now the order of things has been reversed. Look at the Cabinet.

It consists of 13 members—three Senior Counsel, three trade union officials, two generals, two doctors, two business men, and one farmer. They owe their allegiance to six different groups.

A FULL CAST

MR. JOHN COSTELLO belongs to Fine Gael—extreme Right wing in Irish politics. It was the only party which went to the elections in favour of Commonwealth association.

He refers to himself as Prime Minister, not Taoiseach, the name embodied in the Constitution for the head of the Government. He prefers to use the letters K.C. rather than the Irish form S.C., after his name.

For 16 years Mr de Valera, with an overall majority, ran a one-man show. Now the curtain rises on a full cast.

Both front and back Benches are striving to make an impression, because if the Coalition falls they certainly want to have enhanced their individual reputations and not run the danger of being defeated at the polls.

BIGGEST BRAIN

Let us start with PATRICK MCGILLIGAN (Fine Gael). Before his colleagues had even found their feet he had cut taxation by three millions.

He gives the impression of being very much in his element, holding the nation's purse strings. His is the most devastating wit in the House. Time will likely prove him the biggest brain in the Government.

JOSEPH BLOWICK, Minister for Lands and Forestry, and leader of the Farmers Party—a squad more noted for its brawn than its brains. He looks amiable as he heaves his 22 stone on the front bench.

JAMES DILLON (Independent), Minister for Agriculture, thundered, in his first speech: "I want to promote a policy which will result in sending meat to England now." John Dillon, his father, was the last leader of the Irish Party at Westminster.

FIVE WIDOWS

In all probability the Shamrock will cease to grow on Irish soil when a spinster is elected to Dail Eireann!

At present there are five women deputies, all widows. They all wear black.

Best known is MRS. REDMOND, Fine Gael, whose people have trained racehorses on the famous Curragh turf for years.

One would never guess from her handsome, chic appearance that her real forte is the pig industry!

At 32, Beaumont—educated DR. NOEL BROWNE, caretaker of the nation's health, is the youngest Minister.

He has plans for a nation-wide anti-T.B. drive; says luxury hotels, set up by the previous Government to attract foreign tourists, will be taken over if necessary.

Quietly spoken, courteous GENERAL MULCAHY is the smallest, and at 61 the oldest, Cabinet Minister. He is Minister for Education.

He has battled for years for the removal of education from the sphere of party politics. This opportunity is not likely to slip.

A good Irish speaker, he says, "Irish has become a mere examination subject, thus road to a job . . . compulsion must be abandoned, enthusiasm kindled anew."

GENERAL SEAN MAC EOLIN, Fine Gael is massive, with silver white hair.

Legends about his bravery in the "Trouble" abound. Court-martialled and condemned to death in 1921, he is now Minister for Justice.

General Collins refused to go ahead with negotiations if Sean MacEoin was not released.

It's well to know about barrister SEAN COLLINS, nephew of General Michael Collins, because he'll get there anyway.

The crowd fall for his tough kind of charm and robust sense of humour.

Bureaucrats infuriate him. He called Tipperary, electors idiots because "You allow civil servants sitting on swivel chairs in centrally heated offices in Dublin to tell you how to farm the best land in Ireland."

Anthony Eden of the House is tall, athletic BRENDAN CORISH, easily picked out because of his exceptionally handsome looks and impeccable clothes.

Aged 20, he holds two Parliamentary Secretariats—Defence and Local Government.

NO. 1 SECRET MAN

As Parliamentary Private Secretary to An Taoiseach, 28-year-old LIAM COSGRAVE, Fine Gael, is Eire's No. 1 secret holder. He is one of Dublin's most sought-after bachelors.

The contributions of THOMAS BURKE, Independent, are few, but what they lack in number they make up in originality.

Only bonsetter in the Dail, he wrote in his election address:—

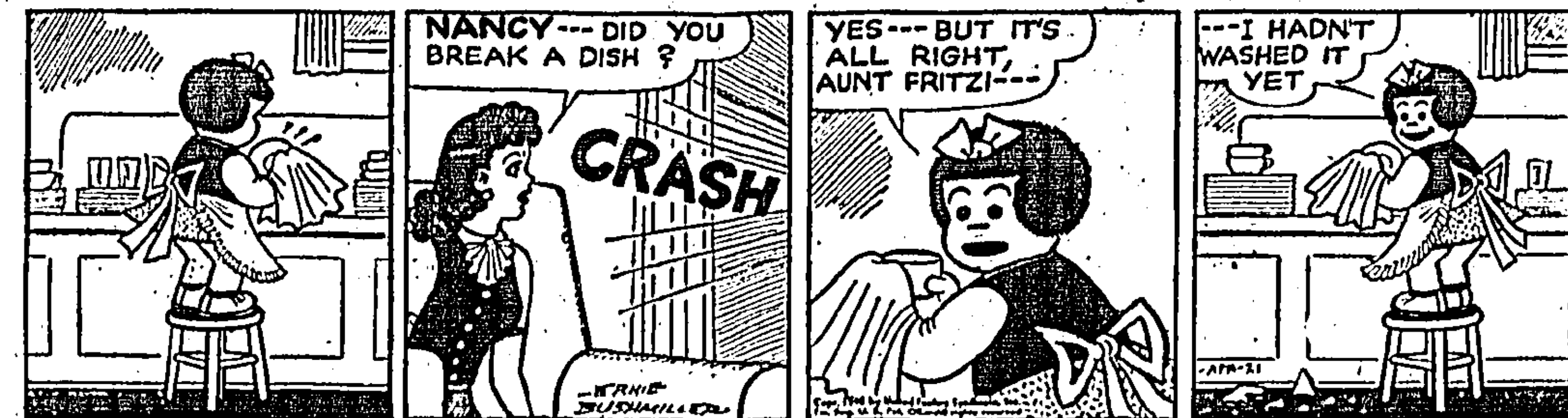
"... You saw that in 1944 I had a tough time to get even the fifth seat, though I had given the use of my limbs to people of every class in County Clare without fee or reward, and I never asked what party any of them belonged. Now when they can do their daily work, surely I should expect simple stroke of a pencil—that is the only compensation I ask or get."

Another great character among the Independents is ALFIE BYRNE. See him on any Dublin street and you'll find he shakes hands with three out of every five people who pass by.

MURIEL BOWEN

NANCY

That One Didn't Count



By Ernie Bushmiller



Gottwald Calls For New Czech Cabinet

DEPUTY PREMIER'S STATEMENT

Prague, June 14.—M. Klement Gottwald, the newly-elected President of Czechoslovakia, received M. Antonin Zapotocky, the old Deputy Premier, this afternoon and charged him with the formation of a new Cabinet.

The present Government will remain in office until the National Assembly passes a vote of confidence in the new Cabinet which will be submitted for its approval on Thursday.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps in Prague, headed by the American Ambassador, Mr. Laurence Steinhardt, were received by the new President in company with Dr. Vlado Clementis, the Foreign Minister.

M. Zapotocky, the new Premier, said in an exclusive interview with Reuters today he was confident of the decisive position of the Communist Party and that he had no need for violence to preserve victory.

In answer to questions put to him by Reuters' correspondent, he outlined some of the broad principles which will be followed by the Government. The President has asked him to form the composition of which is expected to be announced tomorrow.

NATIONWIDE PARTY

Will any political party, other than the Communist Party, take any decisive step in future in Czechoslovak politics? He answered: "We did not fully remove private enterprise and private property. With nationalisation, we have removed only their harmful excesses."

"In our people's democratic regime the existence of non-Communist parties is not only possible but necessary and therefore we do not need to make their activity impossible."

What is your opinion of the possible value of non-Communist parties in future in Czechoslovakia? He answered: "We did not fully remove private enterprise and private property. With nationalisation, we have removed only their harmful excesses."

Czechoslovakia has been known for a strong middle-class with a traditional regard for Western methods and Western culture. What will be the future attitude to these?

WESTERN METHODS

He answered: "We are not, in principle, opponents of Western culture or Western methods. We have adopted many and shall, in the future, take over all that has been proved good, advantageous and progressive."

"We shall oppose all that is reactionary, capitalist and imperialist and would endanger peace or our forward development."

Will the system of government which provides for a Parliamentary Opposition in future have any place in Czechoslovak politics?

He answered: "Our regime does not exclude and does not make impossible a Parliamentary Opposition. But we do not agree that to secure democracy an Opposition is conditionally or inevitably necessary."

It has been reported that non-Communists fear that action will be taken against them. Can you define the official attitude to elements which disapprove of the present regime?

He answered: "We have no cause to annihilate those who do not agree with today's regime. Where the real democratic majority has been victorious, there is no need for violence to preserve victory."

"I declared after the elections 'We shall patiently persuade and educate those who do not understand the tasks of these times. That we do mean. The Government will show in deeds, not in words.'"

Falsified Receipt For Vegetables

A tally clerk employed by a New Territories farmer to bring his vegetable for sale at the Government Wholesale Market, was given 18 months by Mr. Lallimer at Kowloon Court today for embezzlement and falsification of accounts.

On June 12, he took a quantity of vegetables to town and sold them for \$19.30 for which he was given a receipt. He altered the receipt and handed back the farmer \$13.05. The farmer got suspicious and made enquiries at the wholesale market and investigation made by the Government authorities revealed that the defendant had spent the difference and falsified the receipt.

Prison For Leader Of Boys' Gang

Admitting that he was a member of the Chuen Kung On Triad Society, an illegal organisation in Mongkok district, Ho Kan, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to six months by Mr. Lallimer at Kowloon Court today. He was also recommended for banishment.

Ho, according to Inspector W. G. Morrison, was known to the Police as a leader of a gang of small boys engaged in larceny and pick-pocket.

U.S. Loan For China Rumours

Washington Denials

Washington, June 14.—Both Chinese and American officials here voiced disapproval today of rumours that the United States is considering a currency rehabilitation loan for China.

Authoritative sources in both groups said, "we are not aware of such a project," but both declined further identification.

Mr. Tzu Yee-pel's recent return from China as head of the Nanking Technical Mission here contributed to the resurgence of currency reform talk, but Pel's office declined comment.

Officials of the U.S. Treasury and State Departments on various occasions in recent months have denied they were considering means of rehabilitating Nanking's currency. These and other quarters pointed out that a major sum would be required for such a purpose, that the US Congress would have to approve it, and that "Congress is not likely to undertake such a project at present."

RUMOURS CONTINUE

However, despite these general disavowals, such rumours continue. One such speculation is that the Economic Co-operation Administration's China Programme may concern itself with Nanking's currency troubles. Proponents of this theory point to the fact that the Stillman group assigned to China includes a U.S. Treasury currency economist. This official is Mr. Paul Parker of the Far Eastern Division of the Treasury's Office of International Finance.

The nearest Chinese official sources would come to giving support to the rumours was to suggest that the desirability of improving China's currency situation may have been considered on the lower Chinese and American technical levels. They emphasised however that "there has been no Sino-American policy decision thereon."

Associated Press.

Malaya's Rubber Exports To U.S.

London, June 14.—Malaya exported £2,500,000 worth of rubber to the United States in 1947 out of a total rubber export of £2,500,000, it was announced in Parliament today.

The amount of tin exported to the United States was £1,135,000, out of total tin exports of £1,175,000.

Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, gave these figures in reply to a question.

The amount of edible oils exported was valued at £5,500,000. None went to the United States. The above figures, he said, included re-exports.

The corresponding figures of values of imports into the Malayan Union and Singapore from neighbouring territories were: Rubber—£21,420,000; edible oils (and copra)—£2,300,000.—Reuters.

12,514 WOMEN ABDUCTED

New Delhi, June 14.—The total number of abducted women recovered by May 15 from riot-plagued areas in India and Pakistan was officially calculated today at 12,514. From India 7,536 Muslim women were recovered and 4,978 non-Muslims from Pakistan.

It was officially announced that by June 3 43,564 persons in India had registered inquiries regarding missing relatives in West Pakistan.—Associated Press.

DEMONSTRATIONS IN BUDAPEST

Budapest, June 14.—Thousands demonstrated outside Budapest churches last night, singing hymns and praying "for our rotten Fatherland" in protest against the nationalisation of Church schools.

The crowds at one point cheered the Roman Catholic Primate of Hungary, Cardinal Mindszenty, shouting: "We'll keep our schools for ourselves."

The police ordered them to disperse, but they refused. Police squads in trucks, mounted with machine guns, arrived to break up the demonstration and the crowds slowly dispersed.

Fourteen arrests were made.—Reuters.

Accused Of Gandhi Assassination



HAD EXCESS PASSENGERS

For failing to renew the licence of his boat, the master of a cargo boat was fined \$25 or five days by Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning. On an additional charge of breach of licence by carrying passengers on a cargo boat, he was fined \$200 or one month.

Sub-Inspector McCarthy reported that defendant's boat was stopped near Al buoy and 50 persons, including eight crew, were found on board. The licence should have been renewed on April 1.

Defendant pleaded that he had only just completed repairing his boat and intended to renew the licence today. As regards the passengers, he knew that this was wrong, but wanted to earn some money.

Imposing the fines, Mr. Cairns told defendant that the regulations were intended for the safety of passengers. If his boat was not licensed to carry passengers, it meant that it was considered unfit for that purpose.

PLANTERS AS VIGILANTES

Singapore, June 14.—Sixty European planters from 13 estates in the Renang district of Malaya met to arrange for mutual protection and assistance for the police in their fight against the mounting wave of gangsterism.

According to the Straits Times, unofficial reports said gangsters in the Renang district were now eliminating Kuomintang leaders, three of whom were murdered on Saturday night, and intended on Saturday to murder the European estate manager later.

Twelve Chinese gangsters, armed with tommy-guns and revolvers, last night critically wounded a Chinese foreman of a rubber estate known as a Kuomintang supporter.

Other gangsters, who last night shot dead a Chinese—on a Johore rubber estate, are believed to have mistaken him for his brother, a well-known contractor.

In a communal clash in Perak last night—having no connection with political differences—Malays, armed with knives, slashed to death four Chinese at Lengong.

The Pan-Malayan Trade Union Federation will meet at Kuala Lumpur shortly to discuss the Government ban on the Federation.—Reuters.

Woman Thwarts Burglar

A plucky Chinese woman ignored the threat of a burglar to assault her and succeeded in holding the intruder in her room by locking the door to cut off his exit. She then summoned the Police and had the burglar arrested.

The story was told by Inspector G. W. Morrison at Kowloon Court today when the burglar, Lam Man 30, was charged with attempted larceny in a dwelling. He admitted the count and was given six months.

The woman, Tang Yin-nin, of 10, Tak Hing Street, ground floor, was disturbed from her sleep on Monday morning. When she woke up, she found Lam inside her room.

British Films Must Double Production

(Continued from Page 1)

London, June 14.—A £20,000,000 cinema merger, affecting 504 theatres, is planned by Britain's film king, Mr. J. Arthur Rank.

The new organisation—known as Cinema Management Association—will combine the vast resources of the Odeon Theatres, Limited and the Gaumont British Picture Corporation under the chairmanship of Mr. Rank who is the present chairman of both companies.

The CMA will also operate a pooling arrangement for the benefit of 20 of the principal British theatre-owning companies, which between them now run 510 theatres.

Making this announcement at a press conference here, Mr. Rank said he could hold out no hope that the merger would result in cheaper theatre seats but he believed it would result in substantial savings.—Reuters.

Platts-Mills Makes New Accusations

London, June 14.—Mr. John Platts-Mills, who was recently expelled from the Labour Party as a pro-Communist, asserted in the House of Commons today that the British rate of exchange and tariff policy.

They were insisting on these two points in the negotiations for a bilateral agreement on Marshall aid in Washington, he alleged.

He asked for an assurance that the British Government would not surrender to the EIP Administrator the power to decide the rate of exchange of the British currency or the right to veto or, in any way, interfere with the British tariff policy and structure.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that he did not want to comment while negotiations were going on.

A Conservative, Mr. Crosshwaite Eyre, said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, had given him a specific assurance that in no circumstances would power be given under this agreement for the Americans to interfere with the rate of exchange.

Mr. Mayhew gave him an assurance that the Chancellor's statement had not been changed.—Reuters.

Planes Attack Guerilla Hq

Athens, June 14.—Eight Greek Spitfire planes attacked the northern village of Lykorakhi, thought to be a headquarters of Communist leader Markos Vafades, with bombs and rockets yesterday.

Pilots said a large concentration of guerrillas was in the Grammos Mountain village. Large clouds of smoke and dust billowed up, hiding the town. Informed quarters said Lykorakhi certainly is one of Vafades' main bases.

Greek troops reported more progress in clearing the Soule Plateau, southwest of Ioannina. The battle for the heavily defended height has been on for two weeks. Reports said 80 guerrilla bodies were found in two days and that 135 were known to have been wounded.

The prosecutor asked death sentences for 83 of the 119 former naval men and civilians on trial on charges of treason and sabotage and asked life terms for 20 and 10 years for the others.

A civilian court started trying 81 members of a Communist execution squad. All are accused of murder during the December, 1944 revolt.—Associated Press.

BARGES SINK IN MONSOON

Bombay, June 14.—Four sailors were reported drowned off three barges and a launch which sank in Bombay harbour in the last 24 hours as the 1948 monsoon broke with 60-mph gales.

The 150-ton freighter Cossapore was wrecked 215 miles south of Bombay, but the crew was saved.—Associated Press.

Bill To Outlaw Lynching

Washington, June 14.—The United States Senate Judiciary Committee today approved by 10 to three a Bill to make lynching a Federal crime.

A Southern member immediately promised to "fight it to the bitter end."

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They were insisting on these two points in the negotiations for a bilateral agreement on Marshall aid in Washington, he alleged.

He asked for an assurance that the British Government would not surrender to the EIP Administrator the power to decide the rate of exchange of the British currency or the right to veto or, in any way, interfere with the British tariff policy and structure.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that he did not want to comment while negotiations were going on.

A Conservative, Mr. Crosshwaite Eyre, said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, had given him a specific assurance that in no circumstances would power be given under this agreement for the Americans to interfere with the rate of exchange.

Mr. Mayhew gave him an assurance that the Chancellor's statement had not been changed.—Reuters.

Planes Attack Guerilla Hq

Athens, June 14.—Eight Greek Spitfire planes attacked the northern village of Lykorakhi, thought to be a headquarters of Communist leader Markos Vafades, with bombs and rockets yesterday.

Pilots said a large concentration of guerrillas was in the Grammos Mountain village. Large clouds of smoke and dust billowed up, hiding the town. Informed quarters said Lykorakhi certainly is one of Vafades' main bases.

Greek troops reported more progress in clearing the Soule Plateau, southwest of Ioannina. The battle for the heavily defended height has been on for two weeks. Reports said 80 guerrilla bodies were found in two days and that 135 were known to have been wounded.

The prosecutor asked death sentences for 83 of the 119 former naval men and civilians on trial on charges of treason and sabotage and asked life terms for 20 and 10 years for the others.

A civilian court started trying 81 members of a Communist execution squad. All are accused of murder during the December, 1944 revolt.—Associated Press.

BARGES SINK IN MONSOON

Bombay, June 14.—Four sailors were reported drowned off three barges and a launch which sank in Bombay harbour in the last 24 hours as the 1948 monsoon broke with 60-mph gales.

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DAVIS CUP

Sweden And Italy
In Semi-Final

Budapest, June 14.—Sweden won the third round Davis cup tie against Hungary in Budapest today three to two when Torsten Johansen beat Andras Adam 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.

Josef Asboth beat Lennart Bergelin 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.—Associated Press.

Turin, June 14.—Winning both outstanding singles today, Italy defeated Denmark by five matches to zero in their quarter final match of the European Zone Davis Cup competition and will now meet Czechoslovakia.

Today, Gianni Cuculli (Italy) beat Torben Ulrich 6-2, 6-3, 6-1, and Marcello Del Bello (Italy) beat Kurt Nielson 6-2, 7-5, 6-3.—Reuter.

Britain is to play Sweden while Czechoslovakia meets Italy in the semi-final.

GRASS COURT
CHAMPIONSHIPS

London, June 14.—London's grass courts lawn tennis championships, which began at Queen's Club today, played their customary role as most of the overseas stars who will be engaged in the major event of British lawn tennis were among the competitors.

The actual start of play was delayed by a thunderstorm which soaked the courts, but in the early afternoon, the long programme got under way.

Wimbledon Entries

London, June 14.—The pre-war Wimbledon lawn tennis champions, Jean Borotra of France and Sidney Wood of America, figure in the list of overseas entries for the championships to be played from June 21 to July 3.

Borotra first won the title in 1924, while Wood was champion seven years later.

Twenty-five overseas countries are represented by the Americans, who have dominated Wimbledon since the war, sending a powerful contingent of 10 players, including Frankie Parker, favourite for the title who has just won the French championship.

John Bromwich, of Australia, and Eric Sturgess, of South Africa, head the Empire hopes, while notable continental contenders for the men's title include Jaroslav Drobny, of Czechoslovakia, Josef Asboth, of Hungary, Lennart Bergelin, of Sweden, and Hans Riedl, one-armed Austrian.

The Philippines will be represented by F. Ampon and R. Deyro.—Reuter.

OLYMPIC GAMES
VILLAGE

London.—The finishing touches are now being given to several Olympic Games centres near London which will serve as the homes of the large number of competitors during their stay in Britain this summer. The centres will be officially opened on July 8, but arrangements have been made to accommodate teams arriving from overseas before that date.

The first arrivals are teams from New Zealand and Ceylon who moved into the Richmond Park centre on June 10. This centre has, in just over four months, been transformed into a complete village and will accommodate 1,400 contestants and team officials. Everything has been done to make the living quarters as comfortable as possible and the centre will offer a wide range of amenities to the visiting athletes.

It is intended to group teams together according to their catering requirements and tastes. Facilities will be provided for teams bringing their own food with them. In addition, all competitors will be entitled to the same food ration as that received by heavy industrial workers in Britain.

STUDENT HELPERS

The Richmond Park centre will be staffed by over 200 domestic workers, most of them will be students. The appeal for volunteer help made by the National Union of Students earlier this year has been answered by thousands of students from all parts of the world. Altogether 1,500 students from Britain and overseas will be spending their vacation working in these centres. The service to be provided by these students will help to solve one of the biggest problems which has faced Olympic Games organisers.

Another big centre will be an RAF camp where much conversion work has been done in recent months. The sleeping quarters have been redecorated and comfortably furnished and kitchens have been modernised. The dining rooms have been partitioned off to enable different nationalities to feed separately. The Officers Mess has been converted into a small restaurant for team captains.

At both these centres there is a cinema seating 500. These cinemas will show films of Olympic events. It is proposed to rush films straight from Wembley for showing on the same evening as the events of the forthcoming Games are held.

Britain is now preparing a warm welcome for some 6,000 athletes who will be arriving from 58 countries during June and July. The exact number of contestants taking part at the Olympic Games will not be known until June 10 which is the closing date for entries.

MY LOVE WINS THE DERBY



My Love (left foreground), French bred colt owned by the Aga Khan, wins the 169th running of the Derby at Epsom Downs, England.
Lord Volterra's Royal Drake (right foreground) was second by a length and a half, and Noor (directly behind My Love at left), was third.
My Babu, pre-race favourite, is behind Royal Drake and second from the rail.—AP Wirephoto via radio from London.

How The Aga Khan Breeds His
Derby Winners

The Aga Khan is one of the most successful racehorse owners in the history of the English Turf; he has just scored his third success in the Derby. He had two horses (Noor and My Love) entered for the race.

In this article Charles Graves reveals the careful and costly technique that the Aga Khan has adopted in order to breed winners.

The Carragh, Co. Kildare.

I have discovered today the secret of how the Aga Khan has become a multi-millionaire of the Turf. It was as recently as the twenties that he began his career as a racehorse owner with four mares—Theresina, Mumtaz Mahal, Cos and Friar's Daughter. Today, in this neighbourhood alone, he has ninety mares and innumerable foals and yearlings, as well as six leading stallions.

During a single hour here I have been introduced to about £200,000 worth of yearlings, including Dante's first two—one out of Doloma and the other out of Alrabia.

Other yearlings worth anything from £7,000 to £9,000 apiece at the moment are a filly by Bois Roussel out of Statoralia which might well win the Oaks of 1950; a filly by the Negro out of Queen of Shiraz; a filly by Blue Peter out of Clovelly; a colt by Tehran out of Lark; another by Tehran out of Mah Iran (and there are three-quarter brother to Migoli); another by Mirza II out of Bahustrade; and yet another by Star dust out of Queen of Baghdad.

Mr Nesbitt Waddington, the Aga Khan's racing manager, showed me the round. He emphasised the importance of the location, the grass-land, the stud groom, and every-thing else which any really rich man could buy. Only then did he explain to me the real secret of the success of the Aga Khan and his son, Prince Ali Khan, as owners and breeders.

It was a certain Frenchman, Colonel Vuillier, who evolved a theory and, backed by the Aga Khan, did an immense amount of research into the pedigree of racehorses all the way back to the 1830's and 1840's to provide the practical background for the Aga Khan's future as a breeder of winners. I was shown a huge tome on the subject.

The gist of it all is that the perfect racehorse ought to have certain varying amounts of different leading strains in his veins.

The average small owner is more or less content to mate a fast horse with a fast mare (though the French believe in mating a fast horse with a staying mare, which is why they have done so well since the war); the Aga Khan on Colonel Vuillier's advice, goes infinitely further than the most expert breeders of racehorses, who go back, perhaps, four or five generations.

THE PRINCIPLE

The Aga Khan's principle is that the blood of the perfect racehorse is divided into no fewer than 4,000 units. The blood of 15 different sires and one mare (Peachantia) should flow in its veins.

But this blood should not be all of the same amount. The blood of Bluecher should amount to 251 units; that of Touchstone to 381 units; of Peachantia to 313 units; of Melbourne to 184 units; of Bay Middleton to 127 units; of St Simon to 420; of Hermit to 260; of Bend Or to 210.

In front of me was the pro forma of the Aga Khan's Sheshoon, Ballymanny, Gill Town and Ongar studs. The games of all these famous racehorses are abbreviated, including the ones given above.

Now for the rest—here is a quiz. What are the full names of Volt (180 units), Pant (140 units), Glad (95 units), Sto (340 units), New (205 units), Gato (405 units), Iso (280 units), and Hamp (200 units)?

Whether you can remember them or merely get them out of the stud book, this is the Aga Khan's cocktail recipe for the perfect racehorse. By his system it is impossible to breed too close to any given sire.

By his system it is possible to add staying power or speed almost at will to next year's foal. He believes implicitly in blood in fact, pedigree.

Other owners may say that if you have 90 mares with classic blood you can prove anything you like. And yet the Aga Khan began with only four mares and Prince Ali with originally a 21,500 a year allowance from his father; and look where they have gone.

Estimates of their fortune in bloodstock alone vary between two million and four million pounds, with an additional safe annual income of many thousands of pounds from their stallions.

CHESS

D. E. de Carvalho v.
Karel Weiss

The game between the veteran D. E. de Carvalho, many times pre-war Colony Champion and unbeaten so far in his return to Tournament chess this year, and the unpredictable Karel Weiss, will be the feature match of this evening's programme at the Peninsula Hotel in the seventh round of the Colony Reserves Tournament.

Also on the evening's programme will be the postponed game between L. Schure and P. K. Prokopov from the eighth round of the Colony Championship.

Other games in the seventh round of the Colony Reserves tonight will be V. N. Doumaev v. Arthur Gomes, S. Shave v. V. V. Kolatchoff, Jacob Ramler v. A. Birkhoff, and A. Rangelovsky v. R. W. Carter.

KARLOVY VARY TOURNAY

Prague, June 14.—Lajos Steiner of Australia and Dr Milan Vidmar of Czechoslovakia were sharing the lead with 4½ points each today after the sixth round of the International Masters' Chess Tournament at Karlovy Vary, Czechoslovakia.

C. Barza (Hungary), V. Pirc (Czechoslovakia) and Dr Savely Tartakower (France) were in second place with 4 points each.

Dan Abe Yanofsky of Canada was third with 3½ points.

The scores for the fifth and sixth rounds were:

Fifth Round
Lajos Steiner beat H. Golombek (Britain); Foltz (Czechoslovakia) drew with Gosta Soltz (Sweden); Podgorny (Czechoslovakia) beat Gavrilkovski (Poland); Richter (Czechoslovakia) beat Zita (Czechoslovakia).

Sixth Round
Vidmar drew with Pirc; Zita drew with Barza; Tartakower beat Pirc; Gosta Soltz (Sweden) (Rumanian) v. Opocensky (Czechoslovakia), adjourned.—Reuter.

Lawn Bowls Teams

The following players have been selected to represent the Indian Recreation Club in the League matches to be played on Saturday, 19th inst. "A" Division, against Kowloon Cricket Club (Away) at 3.30 p.m. (Players to meet at the Star Ferry Wharf, Hongkong side, at 3 p.m.).

M. B. Hassan, A. J. Hussain, A. M. Wahab, and A. K. Minu (Skip).
M. I. Razack, K. M. Rumsah, A. R. Minu, and U. A. Rumsah (Skip).
A. R. Kitchell, M. Y. Adal, S. Yusuf, and J. Hosen (Skip).
"B" Division, against Talkoo Club (Home) at 3.30 p.m.
A. R. Markar, I. Kitchell, M. A. Wahab, and S. M. Rumsah (Skip).
S. A. Cassumbhoy, A. R. A. Rahman, S. S. Hussain, and A. K. Subind (Skip).
D. M. A. Razack, A. H. Seemlin, A. R. Razack, and A. M. Rumsah (Skip).

KBGC TEAMS

The following will represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in Saturday's First Division League match against Kowloon Docks Recreation Club at the KBGC:

L. R. Whant, C. Downman, J. Fraser and A. J. Hall (Skip).
E. F. Pope, A. L. G. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and J. McKelvie (Skip).
E. Greenwood, L. G. Coombes, H. Morrison and L. Sykes (Skip).
Match Team v. Craigengower Cricket Club (Home):
J. R. Wigginton, H. A. Lammert, E. A. Atkins and G. E. F. Thompson (Skip).
R. P. Phillips, J. S. Dinnen, J. Gellatly and L. Guy (Skip).
W. H. Bailey, J. Hempsey, G. C. Norman and S. H. Strange (Skip).
Reserves—M. L. Hardie & T. F. H. Robinson.

A Bowlers' Day In
County Cricket

London, June 14.—Thunderstorms curtailed play in some of today's County cricket matches, which, with one exception, were featured by sterling bowling performances. The exception was a double century stand by Alderman and Smith for Derbyshire for the second wicket.

Amongst the best bowling performances today were those by some men who may well appear in England teams before the current Test series ends.

Pope, who attended Nottingham prior to the present Test in case conditions justified his inclusion, was able to be freed to play for his county and today he claimed five wickets for 54 runs. Ray Smith's seven for 97 for Essex largely contributed towards Surrey following on. Pritchard took eight for 43 for Warwickshire. He is probably the fastest bowler in present day County cricket, and has already taken 60 wickets this season.

One other performance worthy of mention was the three for 10 runs by Hilton, the man who twice dismissed Bradman when Australia played Lancashire. Today Hilton did not concede a run until his 12th over.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

The close of play scores were:
At Lords: Middlesex 224; Gloucestershire 341 for 7 (Emmett 60, Allen 94, Crapp 73).

At the Oval: Essex 342 for 5 declared; Surrey 177 (Ray Smith 7 for 97) and 30 for 2.

At Harrogate: Lancashire 354 for 7 declared; Sussex 158 (Hilton 3 for 10) and 72 for 5.

At Leeds: Yorkshire 177 and 156 for 2 (Lester 88); Nottinghamshire 113 (Aspinall 5 for 30).

At Alderley: Cambridge University 190 and 15 for no wicket.

Pluvius Policies

London, June 14.—Cricket followers here who remember occasions when they spent their money in going to see matches which did not take place because of rain, will be very interested in a new plan introduced by a leading insurance company.

Under what are termed "Pluvius" policies, those who intend going to the Test Matches between England and Australia this summer, will be able to insure against being out of pocket if play is cancelled owing to rain. Payment of the premium will entitle them to a refund of their expenses, including the price of admission tickets and railway fares.

The minimum premium varies for the different Tests. It is highest at six shillings for the Match at Manchester, notorious for its heavy rain; four shillings for the Oval match; three shillings for Lords; and two shillings and sixpence for the matches at Leeds and Nottingham.—Reuter.

Sports Shorts

Eleven countries are expected to compete in the World's Archery Championships which are being held in London, England, this summer. Archery, like most other sports, has increased in popularity since the war. King George VI is an archery enthusiast and his arrows carry the royal racing colours in their flight feathers. Incidentally many clubs founded by King Charles II still exist in Britain today.

Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, formerly a group captain in Britain's Royal Air Force, has become a vice-president of the recently formed RAF Mountaineering Association. He has done a good deal of mountaineering in Switzerland, Scotland, and the Isle of Skye, and is a member of the Alpine Club.

A team of 30 instructors trained by Britain's Royal Air Force School of Physical Training, Cosford, Wolverhampton, has been formed to give public demonstrations in different parts of the United Kingdom. On July 7 the team will be at Ipswich, England, for the annual British Legion Fete. On August 5 it will give a display at the Bakewell, England, agricultural show. Each display will include various types of exercises, vaulting and general agility.

There are four classes in the fencing contests which form part of the 1948 Olympic Games. They are the foil (for men and women), epee and sabre (both for men). Contests will take place in England between July 30 and August 13 at an arena to be announced later. All the men's classes are open to individual and team contestants.

Manila Baseball
Champs To Tour

Manila, June 15.—The Terminal Red Sox, champions of the Manila Baseball League, are scheduled to play an exhibition game on July 4 and 5 in Shanghai. Charles Chick Parsons, League President, announced today.

They will go to Guam on July 21 for the Liberation Day celebration. The Red Sox, a semi-pro team, represents the Manila Terminal Company. It recently won the League's pennant.—Associated Press.

CONNIE MACK

FIRES POTTER

Philadelphian, June 14.—Connie Mack today fired veteran relief pitcher Nelson Potter who was acquired recently from the Browns.

Potter, 36, lost yesterday's opener to the Browns. He needed only 40 more days' service to become a 40-year man.

At the same time, Bill Dietrich admitted the lost stuff after 10 years in Major Leagues and asked the Athletics for his unconditional release.—United Press.

Joe Louis
Feeling Fine

Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, June 14.—Joe Louis, the world heavyweight champion, says he is in fine shape to defend his title in his return fight with Jersey Joe Walcott in the Yankee Stadium, New York, on June 23.

"My title means my whole life to me," Joe Louis said in an interview, "and if Walcott takes it away, he will have to prove himself a better man, and that is a thing I do not believe, and I expect to prove it when we wade into the ring."—Reuter.

WILL CROWD HIM

Chicago, June 14.—Bernard Docusen, 21, thinks he can win the world welterweight title on Thursday by "crowding" Ray Robinson.

Docusen, Filipino American from New Orleans, has lost only two in 58 fights. He sparred regularly with Cliff Williams and Ralph Jones, welterweight contenders, all of whom agreed that Docusen is a good fighter but refused to pick him to beat Robinson.—United Press.

SUGAR RAY THINKING AHEAD

Chicago, June 14.—Welterweight boxing champion "Sugar" Ray Robinson who defends his title on Thursday night against Bernard Docusen of New Orleans, said today that he is willing to fight the winner of the Cerdan-Delanolt fight due to take place in Brussels on July 10 for the right to meet Tony Zale, the middleweight champion.—Associated Press.

HERE COMES JOE



Heavyweight champion Joe Louis boarded his tricycle for photographers at his training camp in Pompton Lakes, N. J., where he is training for his second championship fight with Jersey Joe Walcott at Yankee Stadium, June 23.

Constitutional Reforms For The Sudan

London, June 14.—The statement of British policy towards the Sudan made in the House of Commons today by Mr Christopher Mayhew, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is interpreted by observers here as leaving the door open for Egyptian participation in the proposed constitutional reforms for the Sudan.

The information available here suggests that opposition to the agreement reached between Sir Ronald Campbell, and Ahmed Khashaba Pasha in the Egyptian Cabinet, is centred on the Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashy Pasha.

TROUBLE IN THE CELLAR

U.S. Trooper Shoots A German

Frankfurt, June 14.—The United States constabulary in Stuttgart revealed today that one of its troopers was being held in gaol on charges of killing a German employee at Kassel rest centre.

An announcement said that Sgt Melbourne A. Tuten heard the sound of crashing dishes early on Tuesday morning while he was on duty at the rest centre and had found two of the German help in the cellar tossing plates, cups and saucers at each other. When Tuten appeared, he later told the police, a German man turned and threw bottles at him while a German girl looked on. Tuten then said he went upstairs for his pistol and came down to the cellar again. When he reappeared the German attacked him with a bottle and knocked him down. Tuten fired three shots into the man, the announcement said, and killed him instantly. The girl fled before Tuten had time to take her to the police for questioning when he reported the incident.—United Press.

Burma Causes Concern

London, June 14.—Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, last British Governor of Burma, told Reuters today in an interview that Burma's embrace of a Communist ideology would strain her relations with her neighbours "to a dangerous degree."

"This must be a tragic day in Burma's history," Sir Reginald continued. "In every other country the descent of the Communist iron curtain has meant the complete deprivation of all liberty of the individual. So it will be in Burma. But just for how long the Burmese will stand Communism is another question as by nature they are individuals who refuse to be oppressed. Nor do I believe that Communism will in any shape or form appeal to the hill people who are likely to become increasingly restive. All peace-loving people recognise today that Communism provides only a threat to world peace. That Burma should choose this moment to link forces with the Soviets is indeed strange."—Reuters.

Finnish-Dutch Trade Pact

The Hague, June 14.—Finland and Holland have initiated an agreement where which is expected to increase trade between the two countries by 20 percent.

It covers the period between June 1, 1948 and May 31, 1949. Finland will send goods worth some 70 million guilders and Holland's exports are estimated at 74 million guilders.

Finland's exports to Holland will include newspaper and printing and waste paper as well as wood, paper, paper cellulose, greaseproof paper, sawn timber, mine timber, triplex, hard and soft board, matches, machines and tools.

In return, Dutch goods will include seeds and orchard produce, potato flour, glucose, destrose, linned oil, butter, herrings, phosphate and enamel.—Reuters.

Nazis Executed

Brussels, June 14.—The firing squad today executed seven Nazis in the courtyard of the Gendarmerie barracks at Charleroi.

Three were former Gestapoists, the Belgian Nazi Party and had helped the Gestapo. The others were associated with them in a gang led by Edgar Duquesne, stockbroker from La Louviere, which was responsible for the arrest and execution of hundreds of Belgian resistance workers during the occupation. All seven were convicted as war criminals.—United Press.

Floods Subsid

Vancouver, June 14.—The floods which have been devastating parts of British Columbia for three weeks were today reported to be subsiding with the levels of the swollen Fraser and Columbia rivers falling.

Officials emphasised that the danger was not yet over as sandbags were steadily deteriorating under pressure of the waters.—Reuters.

A Living Memorial



Mrs. J. B. Cook of Memphis, Tenn., embraces Hsi King Tao, 18, Chinese youth upon his arrival in San Francisco. The youth will be educated in an American college at the Cook's expense in the memory of their son, Mack Cook, who died in France in 1944 while in the American armed forces. Mack Cook and Hsi King-Tao played together for one day 10 years ago when the Cooks were touring China.—AP Picture.

Massacre Of 10,000 Jews

31 Rumanians On Trial

Bucharest, June 14.—The trial began in Bucharest today of 31 persons alleged to be responsible for the wartime massacre of more than 10,000 Rumanian Jews.

The 18,000 word indictment, read before the criminal court, charged that the wholesale killings took place between June 26 and 30, 1941, a few days after the German-Rumanian attack on Russia.

On the pretext that Jews in the Moldavian capital of Jassy, three miles from the Russian frontier, had signalled to Russian parachute troops and fired on German army columns, the prosecution asserted that Marshal Ion Antonescu, the pro-Nazi Premier, ordered Jassy authorities to shoot 500 Jews.

SHOT IN STREETS

Simultaneously the Rumanian High Command ordered a mass evacuation of Jews from the Jassy region. The two orders became the signal for an unprecedented massacre, the prosecution charged.

More than 8,000 Jewish men, women and children were rounded up and shot in the streets, air raid shelters and police headquarters of Jassy. Another 3,500 were herded into closed goods wagons and deported in two trains to South Rumanian concentration camps.

For two days and nights the Jews, 145 in each wagon meant to hold 45, travelled without food and water through the scorching summer heat. Hundreds died en route and hundreds more were shot down when trains arrived at their destinations, the indictment said.

Facing the court are General George Pavlescu, former Commander of the Jassy Army, Colonel Constantin Lupu, former Jassy Garrison Commander, Col. Dimitrie Caplaru, former Jassy Prefect and onetime Court of Appeal Chancellor, 2nd Lieutenant Aurel Priamdas and 27 others.—Associated Press.

NOTICE

The American Consulate General is in receipt of a circular telegram from the Secretary of State at Washington reading as follows:

Following from Department of Commerce:

Registrar notified June 10th by Commissioner Internal Revenue due date for filing China Trade Act Income Tax Return for all years including 1947 extended September 15, 1948, subject to six percent (6%) interest charges. Copy Commissioner's letter of extension being airmailed and require to be attached to return filed during extended period. Please advise Corporation Annual Report still unequivocally due June 15. Registrar will permit proper amendment to such returns to conform to income tax returns filed during the period of tax return extension based on more complete.

JAMES E. McKENNA,
American Consul General,
Hongkong, 14th June, 1948.

HONGKONG MINES, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Third Floor, Prince's Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 30th June, 1948, at Noon for the purpose of:—

- (1) Receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Account.
- (2) Election of Directors.
- (3) Election of Auditors.
- (4) General.

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Preparations Begin For Royal Cremation

13TH CENTURY SIAMESE CEREMONY

Bangkok, June 14.—The announcement by the Siamese government that King Phumiphon Aduldej has been invited to preside over the cremation rites for his late brother has set in motion preliminary preparations for a ceremony which has remained unchanged since the 13th century. The royal cremation has tentatively been set for next November.

The remains of the former king have lain in state at the Palace since shortly after his mysterious shooting in June, 1946.

Buddhist authorities will soon begin selection of oak from virgin forests in the northern provinces of Siam which will be used in the construction of the funeral pyre. The pyre, called a Phra Mehru, is symbolic of Mount Mehru, the traditional home of the deities, Vishnu and Indra.

The pyre will be erected on the large ground facing the famed Temple of the Emerald Buddha in Bangkok.

After the pyre has been placed on the ground, Buddhist leaders will then supervise the erection of a throne for the present king and platforms for ranking nobles and religious dignitaries.

SACRED FLAME

At the four corners of the ground, platforms will be erected on which stand artificial trees from which hollow wooden replicas of lines will hang. The wooden fruit will contain coins and notes which will authorize possession of certain lands, boats and houses in the kingdom and will be distributed among those attending the royal cremation. Notes will be redeemed by the national treasury.

One of the most important parts of the ceremony is the kindling of the Sacred Fire. According to ancient tradition, this fire should be started by lightning but in modern practice, a glass is used to magnify the heat of the sun's rays. In this manner, "a pure flame from the heavens" is still secured in order to set fire to the funeral pyre.

Final preparations for the cremation include the opening of the outer and inner urns in which the remains of the king have been placed. Silken robes and gold ornaments will be removed from the body on the morning of the cremation. The King and members of the royal family will then sprinkle the remains of the late King with

coconut water. The remains will then be wrapped in white cloth and returned to the urn.

A grand procession will escort the royal urn to the cremation pyre. After the urn has been placed on the pyre, the King will then take his place on the throne specially built for him on the cremation ground. The Prince Patriarch will preach to the assembled people and the 50 Buddhist Lord Abbots will chant prayers. At the conclusion of this portion of the rites, the King will mount the pyre carrying a wax taper, a stick of incense and a sandal flower, all lighted from the Sacred Fire. Members of the nobility will follow him in order of their rank.

KING TO LIGHT PYRE

At night, the King will light the pyre and it will smoulder until morning. In the morning, the fire will be extinguished by consecrated water, symbolic of the rain which extinguished the pyre of the Lord Buddha.

The royal ashes will then be gathered and formed in the shape of a body. The head will be placed first toward the east, then to the west, and back again to the east, symbolic of the birth, death, and rebirth, similar to the rising, setting, and rising again of the sun.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, the ashes will be placed in a golden urn and returned to the Palace, where they will remain.—United Press.

Flying Fort Missing

Santa Maria, Azores, June 14.—Search planes sought vain today to trace a B17 Flying Fortress aircraft reported missing and on fire today on a flight from Santa Maria

to Corsica via Lisbon.

The plane, numbered NC5023, carried seven people and radioed after taking off that its engine was on fire. Nothing further has been heard from the plane.

The blazing aircraft was one of a formation of three which left San Juan, Costa Rica on Sunday on its way to Prague.—Associated Press.

HUGO STINNES ACQUITTED

Dusseldorf, June 14.—Ruhr coal and steel magnate, Herr Hugo Stinnes, Jr., was acquitted here today by a special de-nazification court representing political parties and trade unions.

The Court declared the fact he had held the honorary title of "Leader of the Defence Industry" and was a member of the Brown-shirts could not be regarded as incriminating.

The Court were of the opinion that Stinnes had never given either political or financial support to the Nazi movement and had, on the contrary, supported opponents of National Socialism.—Reuters.

HAGANAH LISTEN IN TO NEWSMEN'S PALAVER

Jerusalem, June 14.—Surrounded by Jewish soldiers and eavesdroppers, nine Anglo-American correspondents from both sides of the Palestine war met today in the no-man's-land of Jerusalem.

Standing in the middle of Suleiman Street, just outside the walls of the old city, the correspondents waited for more than 15 minutes while the Jews insisted on listening to all conversation.

Fifty yards from the Almasia Pension, otherwise known as the Swiss Hotel, the correspondents were halted by a challenge from a Haganah sentry who claimed to speak only Hebrew and Arabic. He summoned an English speaking officer and the correspondents approached the pair. A third Jew in the upper floor of the Hotel got "trigger happy" and fired a shot over the correspondents' heads. About five minutes later four correspondents under an armed Jewish guard appeared from the Jewish lines for the rendezvous.

Carter Davidson and James Pringle of the Associated Press, John Calder of Reuters and Sydney Smith of the London Daily Telegraph were accompanied by several Jews with rifles and Tommy guns and others who just stood around close and listened to everything they said.

The Legion accredited correspondents were Daniel De Luce and his wife Alma De Luce of The Associated Press; Senghan Maynes of Reuters; James Galger of Acme photos and Peggy Poor, an American.

Haganah soldiers manifested surprise at the sight of the two women in Arab head-dresses. "We thought for a moment the Legion was enrolling women as soldiers like we do," a Haganah man said.—Associated Press.

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